

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 7 are cancelled without prejudice.

5 8. (newly added) A system of sealing a flexible joint in an enclosure for a bath with surrounding vertical walls; wherein in prior art, the flexible joint between the enclosure and the walls is sealed with an exposed caulk against water penetration, the system comprising:

10 (a) an elongated ceramic trim that replaces the exposed caulk, has a glazed front-side and an unglazed backside, the front-side has a continuous S-shape curvature with a convex part joining the backside at an acute angle and a concave part joining the backside also at an acute angle;

15 (b) the backside having a flat surface with a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-sealant compound;

20 (c) the trim with the adhesive-sealant compound having been applied to the backside, affixed to the vertical wall with the concave portion positioned next to a horizontal edge of the enclosure for it to hide the adhesive-sealant compound from exposure to water and enabling the trim to channel water away from the flexible joint.

9. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim, has a left-side and a right-side that is flat at an angle of 90 degrees to the backside, enabling a plurality of trims to be joined at either side in a straight line.

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10. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-side and a right-side that is beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the back side, thereby enabling two trims to form a right angle corner when placed next to each other.

11. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-side and a right-side, one of these sides, beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the backside, thereby enabling the beveled edge trim to be the end trim.

5 12. (newly added) The claim as in 8, where the trim is manufactured with a material other than the ceramic, but having similar water impervious and durability properties as the ceramic.

10 13. (newly added) A system for sealing a joint between a vertical wall that surrounds a bath tub type enclosure and a horizontally situated edge surface of the bath tub, against water flow penetration, the system comprising:

15 (a) an elongated trim, made of a rigid water impervious material, with a front-side and a back-side, the front-side having a top-front-side and a bottom-front-side and the back-side having a top-back-side and a bottom-back-side;

20 (b) the top-front-side having a convex curvature and the bottom-front-side having a concave curvature, wherein the convex and concave curvatures form a continuous S-shape curvature, wherein the top-front-side joining the top-back-side at an acute angle and the bottom-front-side joining the bottom-back-side also at an acute angle;

25 (c) the S-shape curvature along with the acute angles at the top and bottom ends of the trim is a channel for water flow that channels the falling water away from the trim into the tub.

14. (newly added) The system as in claim 13 further comprising:

30 (a) the top-back-side having a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-sealant compound, wherein the top-backside can be affixed to the vertical wall;

(b) the bottom-back-side having a recess for holding an adhesive-sealant compound, wherein the bottom-back-side can be affixed to the joint between the vertical wall and horizontally situated edge of the tub surfaces.